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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

AT&T and their trade association, US Telecom, have recently petitioned the FCC to take away access to critical unbundled network elements. These unbundled elements are critical last-mile copper and inter-city fiber; the very technology that allowed us to grow, expand fiber deployment, and compete. Without access to this infrastructure, Sonic is at risk of losing access to a huge portion of our customer base, leading to potentially higher rates, less fiber deployment, and even less options for consumers.

Thanks to competitive telecommunication laws, Sonic has been able to build and connect tens of thousands of members on our own fiber network. But, that's only a portion of our customer base. We need continued access to copper as a bridge to fiber so that we can get you, and everyone else, connected to the fastest, most affordable internet available.

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